

**The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities reminds us that Direct Support Professionals are the primary providers of community-based long-term support services for thousands of individuals with disabilities in New Hampshire; and
- Whereas:** Direct Support Professionals provide a broad range of individualized supports, including meal preparation, medication assistance, personal care and life skills training, mobility, work and life enrichment opportunities, and other daily tasks to support informed choices and person-centered practices that honor and respect the individuals with disabilities that they serve; and
- Whereas:** Direct Support Professionals are valued for their work in building respectful and trusted relationships with individuals to assist them with their needs; and
- Whereas:** Direct Support Professionals provide essential support that ensures individuals with disabilities are included as a valued part of their community; supported at home, at work, and in communities across New Hampshire; and empowered to live with the dignity that all people of our City and state deserve; and
- Whereas:** An adequate workforce of high-quality Direct Support Professionals is necessary for the people of New Hampshire to respond to the needs of people with disabilities, and to avoid more costly institutional care.

Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth, hereby proclaim that September 7 to 13, 2025 in Portsmouth is

**Direct Support Professionals
Appreciation Week**

and urge all citizens to recognize these individuals who provide vital support and care for older adults, people with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and other related conditions and help them live full and meaningful lives in their community.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 8th day of September 2025

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Deaglan McEachern", is written over the printed name.